

Orthodoxy Preserves the Apostolic Doctrines

By rejecting the inventions of mere men, and by defending the Apostles' teachings is how the Apostolic Church got the **nickname "Orthodox"**, even though it was known in the Nicene Creed (325AD) as the "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church".

"Orthodox"—"*ortho*=correct, *doc*=doctrine/teaching"; and, "ortho=correct, *dox*=doxology/worship.

Correct doctrine. Correct worship.

Apostolic doctrine. Apostolic worship.

Christ's doctrine. The worship which Christ instituted (set up).

The Apostolic Doctrine was Orthodox, meaning—it was **sound doctrine**.

You, however, must **teach** what is appropriate to **sound doctrine**.
Titus 2:1

What are some of the BASIC Apostolic Teachings/Traditions?

God **exists**.

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him **must believe that He exists** and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

There is **ONE** God.

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: **The Lord our God, the Lord is one**.'" Mark 12:29

God has a **Son**. There is a Second Divine Person.

For God so loved the world, that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that **whoever believes** in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the **Christ [Messiah]**, the **Son of the living God**." Matthew 16:16

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, **for I proceeded forth and came from God**; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. John 8:42

God's Son is eternally **equal** with the Father. He is known as the "Logos", the "Word". He is **True** God of **True** God. Very God of Very God. Light of Light.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Tim. 3:16

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I AM!**" John 8:58 ["I AM" is the Name of God, from the Old Testament, when God spoke to Moses at the Burning Bush]

Thomas replied, "**My [the] Lord and my [the] God!**" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:28-29

Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is **My Father** who honors Me, of **Whom** you say that **He is your God**." John 8:54

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that **God was His Father, making Himself equal with God**. John 5:18

attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of **the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ**. Colossians 2:2